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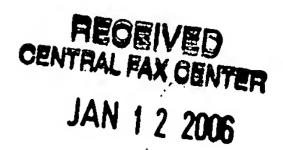
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Comments: Pursuant to the USPTO communication of 12/14/2005,

Applicant hereby submits an amendment responsive thereto.



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William B. Noll

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Patent and Trademark office (PTO) communication, mailed 12/14/2005, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification -

Amend Paragraph 1 as shown on the attached sheet forming a part of the amendment.

In the Claims -

Amend claims 1 and 4, as shown on the attached sheets of the status of claims 1 - 6, where said sheets form a part of this amendment.